

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d). No specific survey has been conducted by Doordarshan to assess the number of viewers watching TV programmes transmitted via foreign satellites whose footprint cover India. However, the Government are aware of the Studies conducted by MRAS-BURKE (Marketing Research and Advisory Service Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi) and ADMAR (Advertising and Marketing Research Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi) whose findings are not representative of the popularity of TV Programmes transmitted via foreign satellites. There is no discernible evidence that on account of foreign TV programmes Doordarshan viewership has declined.

Power Plant in Kerala

*361. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private sector has been entrusted to set up a 120 MW power plant in Northern Kerala.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any progress has been made for launching the project; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Central Water Commission

*362. SHRI MOTILAL SINGH:
SHRI KAMLA MISHRA
MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints and suggestions received by the Government for improving the administrative system and efficiency of the Central Water Commission; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Complaints and suggestions received in regard to the functioning of Central Water Commission fall under the seven broad categories of topics.

(i) Regionalisation of Central Water Commission

(ii) Engineering officers engaged on non-engineering works;

(iii) Allegations of corruptions against certain officers of the Central Water Commission;

(iv) Publication of Bhagirath magazine;

(v) Common cadre review for engineering officers;

(vi) Transfer policy of Central Water Commission; and

(vii) Service matters of individual officers i.e. compassionate appointment.